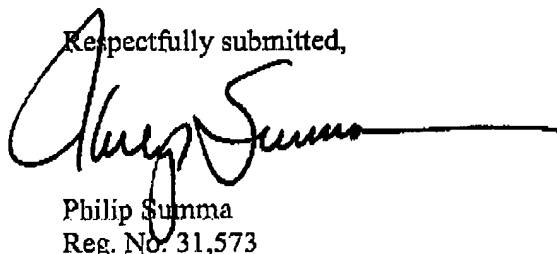


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Paragraph [0006] has been amended to recite the issued patent corresponding to the recited application. In particular Patent No. 6,136,276 issued from application No. 09/482,453, which is a continuation of the '858 application (now abandoned) recited in the specification.

Applicant accordingly requests favorable consideration of the now-pending claims.

Respectfully submitted,

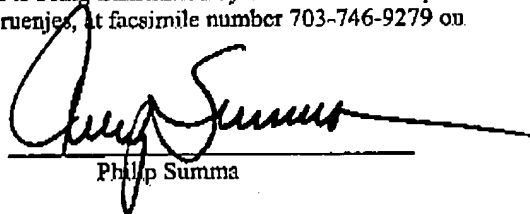


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APPENDIX: MARKED AMENDMENTS (37 C.F.R. 1.121)

In the Specification:

[0006] Versions of such composite fabric vessels are disclosed, for example, in U.S. Patents Nos. 5,427,741 and 5,520,886, both of which are commonly assigned with the present invention. Another version is set forth in co-pending and commonly assigned application Serial No. 09/062,858, filed April 20, 1998, now U.S. Patent No. 6,136,276, the contents of which are incorporated entirely herein by reference ("the '858 application").

In the Claims:

1. (Amended) A protective composite sleeve material for a microwave reaction vessel, said sleeve material comprising a microwave-transparent circumferentially wound layer of contiguous yarns fixed with a microwave transparent structural medium[, said wound layer being selected from the group consisting of filaments and yarns].

9. (Amended) A protective composite sleeve for a microwave transparent vessel, said sleeve comprising:

a microwave transparent inner cylindrical polymeric layer;
a first microwave transparent circumferentially wound layer of contiguous yarns adjacent to and concentric with said inner polymeric layer [in which said winding is selected from the group consisting of filaments and yarns]; and
a microwave transparent outer polymeric layer.